



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg, the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Nebraska State Patrol announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Carl Pressler, 31, was sentenced for receiving child pornography. The Honorable Laurie Smith Camp sentenced Pressler to a sixty (60) month term of imprisonment. After his release from prison Pressler will begin a five (5) year term of supervised release.

During October 2008 the Nebraska State Patrol was conducting peer to peer computer investigations seeking individuals offering and receiving child pornography. The Patrol observed movie files in the shared file folder of Pressler's computer that were known to be child pornography. They shared this information with the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

On January 23, 2009, ICE served a search warrant on Pressler's residence and seized two computers. Forensic analysis revealed five videos consistent with child pornography. At least ten additional videos and additional images of child pornography were located in temporary internet files. During an interview with ICE, Pressler admitted to downloading child pornography through Limewire, a file sharing network.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafefchildhood.gov.

Name of Defendant: Carl J. Pressler

AKA:

Age: 31

City of residence: Omaha, Nebraska

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Receipt of Child Pornography; not less than 5 and up to 20 yrs or imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, both such imprisonment and fine; not less than 5 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Omaha, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Omaha, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: On and before the 24th day of October, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: Self-surrendered on July 7, 2009

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: June 16, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: July 7, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Pled on October 13, 2009

Sentencing Date: January 4, 2010

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable Thomas D. Thalken

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Released on bond

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: The Honorable Laurie A. Smith Camp

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